

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION  
OF A DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE  
PROPOSED SALE OF PG&E CO.'s RICHMOND-TO-PITTSBURG FUEL OIL PIPELINE**

**To All Interested Parties:**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has submitted an Application (No. 00-05-035) to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) seeking authority under Section 851 of the Public Utilities Code to sell its heated Richmond-to-Pittsburg Fuel Oil Pipeline to a new owner, the San Pablo Bay Pipeline Company (SPBPC), a subsidiary of Tosco Corporation. In a separate application (No. 00-12-008) to the CPUC, SPBPC is seeking authority under Sections 216 and 228 of the code to own and operate the Richmond-to-Pittsburg Fuel Oil Pipeline as a common carrier pipeline corporation. The proposed sale includes the pipeline from its point of origin in Castro Street (adjacent to General Chemical's facility) in the City of Richmond, to the Pittsburg Power Plant, formerly owned by PG&E, located in the City of Pittsburg and includes the Hercules Pump Station, located in the City of Hercules. The Richmond to Pittsburg Pipeline and Hercules Pump Station would be sold in their current "as-is, where-is, with all faults" condition.

**Environmental Process**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CPUC had an Initial Study prepared that reviewed the impacts that would result from approval of the two applications. The activities considered include the sale of the pipeline by PG&E, the reconstruction of a 4,000-foot section of the pipeline that was removed in 1998 to allow construction of a railway station in the City of Martinez, and the future operation of the pipeline and pump station by SPBPC. The CPUC review concluded that all potential impacts could be mitigated to less than significant levels. PG&E and SPBPC have agreed to incorporate all the proposed mitigation measures into the project. CPUC has included the stipulated mitigation measures as conditions of approval of the two applications and has circulated a proposed Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

**Public Participation**

The full text of these documents is directly available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.pgedivest.com>; or by accessing the CPUC's website at the following address: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov>. From the CPUC's home page click on the "Regulated Industries" link. Once there, click on the "Environmental" link and then click on the "Current Projects" link. You may then select this project from the list of projects presented on this "Current Projects" page. The Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may also be viewed at the following libraries:

Richmond Public Library  
1555 International Marketplace  
Richmond, CA

San Pablo Library  
325 Civic Center Plaza  
San Pablo, CA

Pinole Library  
225 Pinole Valley Road  
Pinole, CA

City of Hercules City Clerk's Office  
111 Civic Drive  
Hercules, CA

Pittsburg City Library  
80 Power Avenue  
Pittsburg, CA

Martinez Library  
740 Court Street  
Martinez, CA

The CPUC invites you to submit comments on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. Please submit comments by 5:00 pm (Pacific Standard Time) by mail to the following address:

Billie Blanchard  
c/o Environmental Science Associates  
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Comments can also be submitted by the same deadline by email at: [tmorgan@esaassoc.com](mailto:tmorgan@esaassoc.com), or by fax: (415) 896-0332.

**Public Meeting**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) also invites you to attend a public meeting to discuss the proposed sale of the Richmond-To-Pittsburg Fuel Oil Pipeline and the Hercules Pump Station owned by Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E Co.). The meeting will also address San Pablo Bay Pipeline Company's Application to own and operate the Richmond-To-Pittsburg Fuel Oil Pipeline and the Hercules Pump Station as a common carrier.

Meeting participants will be given an overview of the proposed sale and an opportunity to comment on the proposed project and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

**Meeting to be held on November 15, 2001****Time: 7:00 pm****Location: Las Juntas Elementary School  
4105 Pacheco Blvd.  
Martinez, CA**

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